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Legislative Digest

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House Meets at 10:00 a.m. for Legislative Business

Anticipated Floor Action:

**H.R. 4577—FY 2001 Departments of Labor, HHS and
Education Appropriations Act**

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Floor Situation: Last night the Rules Committee met to grant a new rule for the consideration of H.R. 4577. The Rules Committee granted an open rule providing for one hour of general debate, equally divided between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Appropriations Committee. The rule provides that amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report shall be considered as adopted and waives clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule also provides that amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report will be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, waives all points of order against the amendment, cannot be amended, and will not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. **The rule does not waive points of order against funding provided for at p. 44, line 4 through line 14 of the bill.** It permits the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to postpone votes and reduce the time for voting to five minutes, so long as it follows a regular 15-minute vote and to accord priority to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in

the *Congressional Record*. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. In addition, the rule adds another amendment by Mr. Porter to Part A of the Rules Committee report, which provides for a rescission from the Child Care and Development Block Grant of any funds appropriated in excess of the \$23.5 billion advanced appropriation cap contained in the FY 2001 Concurrent Budget Resolution, except that such rescission shall not cause the Child Care and Development Block Grant to go below the funding level provided in FY 2000.

Additional Amendments: In addition to the amendments listed in the *FloorPrep* issued for today, the *Digest* is aware of the following amendments to H.R. 4577:

Mr. Andrews may offer an amendment by reducing the amount available for the Office of the Secretary of HHS by \$40,000,000 and increasing the amount available for a block grant to the Inner City Cardiac Satellite Demonstration Project operated by the State of New Jersey, including creation of a heart clinic in southern New Jersey by the same amount (\$40,000,000). **Contact: x5-6501**

Mr. Andrews may offer an amendment to prohibit the use of funds to make payments to a Medicare+Choice organization offering a plan which the Secretary finds to be out of compliance with part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act. **Contact: x5-6501**

Mr. Bass may offer an amendment to increase IDEA funding by \$1.011 billion by reducing the bill's increases in funding (**though still increasing funding over FY 2000 funding levels**) for the following programs (in the specified amounts): Substance Abuse Block Grants (\$15 million), Centers for Disease Control (\$130 million), Ryan White Funding (\$65 million), and Vocational Education (\$22 million). The amendment also eliminates increases in funding for the following programs (**retaining level funding from last year**) (in the following amounts): Job Corps (\$42 million), Health Professions (\$69 million), Mental Health Services Block Grants (\$60 million), Abstinence Education (\$10 million), Impact Aid (\$78 million), Charter Schools (\$30 million), Teacher Empowerment Act (\$450 million), Indian Education through ESEA (\$30 million), Gallaudet University (\$3 million), and Howard University (\$7 million). **Staff Contact: William Driscoll, x5-5206**

Mr. Bass may offer an amendment to increase IDEA funding by \$200 million and decrease GEAR UP Funding by \$200 million. **Staff Contact: William Driscoll, x5-5206**

Mr. Stearns may offer an amendment prohibiting the use of funds by any local educational agency that denies access to student information for military recruiting purposes. **Contact: x5-5744**

Mr. Stearns may offer an amendment to require additional disclosure of NIH research expenditures. **Contact: x5-5744**

Mr. Roemer may offer an amendment to increase funding for the School Improvement Program by \$25 million and reduce funding for the Education Research, Statistics, and Improvement by \$25 million. The amendment would designate \$25 million of the funding appropriated for the Teacher Empowerment Act for teacher transition programs. Additionally, the amendment seeks to create a new program for recruiting highly-skilled industry workers and training them as teachers. **Contact: x5-3915**

Mr. Obey may offer one or more of 150 amendments filed at the close of legislative business on Wednesday, June 7. A full listing of these amendments can be found in the *Congressional Record* for Wednesday, June 7, 2000.